(c) The major factors leading to delays in sanction/disbursement of loans are as follows:

(i) non-sponsoring of viable loan applications;

(ii) lack of necessary infrastructure and backward/forward linkages such as marketing of produced goods etc.;

(iii) delay in submission of required documents and completion of prescribed formalities by borrowers;

(iv) delay in allotment of shed, power connection, water supply, etc. and

(v) poor recovery position.

Government and RBI constantly review, monitor and evaluate the progress under the PMRY scheme. The performance of the banks in regard to sanction and disbursement under the scheme is also critically reviewed in different fora such as District Level Review Committee (DLRC) and State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) etc., where besides the representatives of RBI, implementing banks, representatives from concerned State Government Departments participate in the discussion. In addition, the progress of implementation of the scheme is also reviewed by a monitoring cell under the Chairmanship of Deputy Governor, RBI. Banks have been instructed to arrange necessary training programmes for the branch level officials to sensitize them to the needs of this sector. Further, cut-off dates for lapsing of sanction/disbursement has been prescribed and banks have been advised to adhere to the quarterly schedule for sanction and disbursement of PMRY loans. This will ensure reduction in the gap between sanction and disbursals under the scheme. Banks have been further instructed to dispose of loan applications up to Rs. 25,000/- with in 2 weeks and upto Rs. 2 lakh with in 4 weeks provided the loan applications are complete in all respects.

Demand and supply of LPG in Assam

*40. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated monthly requirement of LPG in various districts of Assam;

(b) the details of supply position and the steps taken by Government to meet the present requirement of LPG in these districts; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The average monthly.sale of LPG in the State of Assam during the year 2002-03 was approximately 11.5 Thousand Metric Tonne (TMT).

(b) and (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have maintained supplies of LPG to their registered consumers in Assam. However, shortage of LPG cylinders for enrolment of new consumers in some parts of the State has been esxperienced on account of non-supply of cylinders by manufacturers due to increase in price of steel. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has floated a new tender to overcome the problem.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Splitting of Air India

139. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to split or halve Air India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Deployment of ground staff by private airlines

140. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATON be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to stop private airlines from deploying their own ground staff for customer service citing security considerations;